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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

US OFFICIALS FEAR 2 AMCITS IMPRISONED AT HANOI ON SUSPICION BEING INTELL AGENTS ARE BEING HELD POW; VN MAY BARGAIN THEIR FATE IN FUTURE NEGOTS WITH US. 7 OTHER AMCITS STILL IN VN, SO FAR UNABLE LEAVE. MANY OTHER AMCITS MAY BE IN VN, BUT ARE NATURALIZED VIETS, MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE CHOSEN FOREGO RIGHTS AS US CITIZENS DUE FEAR, UNCERTAINTY, BLEND INTO LOCAL POPULATION (WSTAR 8/16).

FORMER AMEMBASSY SAIGON CLASSIFIED AS "HISTORICAL

MONUMENT" WITH INDEPENDENCE PALACE WILL BE PRESERVED AS REMINDERS "CRIMINAL UNITED STATES AGRESSION" (WP).

SEN MANSFIELD ARRIVES BANGKOK ON FACT-FINDING TOUR SEA.
TELLS RTG OFFICIALS HE EXPECTS US TAKE STEPS AFTER NOV
ELECTIONS TOWARD NORMAL RELS WITH VN. SEN REPORTEDLY
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECENT THAI MOVES IN DIRECTION
REPPROCHEMENT WITH COMMUNIST INDOCHINA. MANSFIELD DUE FLY
TO VIENTIANE TUES (UPI. NYDN).

KR REPORTEDLY SEGREGATED CAMBODIA'S ETHNIC CHINESE COMMUNITY, SINGLED IT OUT FOR ESPECIALLY HARSH TREATMENT (AP, SUN).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

DOS SAYS 11,000 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES HAVE BEGUN ARRIVE IN US; MOST FROM LAOS, BEING ADMITTED UNDER EXPANDED PAROLE BY ATTY GENL THAT RAISED TO 145,000 NUMBER EXEMPTED FROM NORMAL IMMIGRATION QUOTAS. ENOUGH SPONSORS REPORTEDLY FOUND FOR REFUGEES (UPI, WP).

3. THAILAND

SENI ANNOUNCES FORMER DEP PM FIELD MARSHAL PRAPHAS SLIPPED INTO COUNTRY FROM TAIWAN EXILE, BEING DETAINED BY MIL AUTHORITIES. RETURN EXPECTED CREATE UPROAR AMONG STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT WANT HIM TRIED FOR CIVILIAN DEATHS DURING 1973 UPRISING (AP, CHITRIB). SENI CALLS CABINET MTG TO DECIDE WHETHER PRAPHAS BE ALLOWED STAY. CONFLICTING REPORTS THROW BANGKOK INTO CONFUSION; AFP QUOTES FONMIM THAT RTG HAS NO PROOF PRAPHAS IN COUNTRY (WP).

4. HONG KONG

LAT'S LESLIE (8/16) DESCRIBES COLONY AS LANDLORD HEAVEN, UNCLASSIFIED

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RENTER HELL DUE DENSE POPULATION, SMALL AREA. SAYS AM CH OF COMM TALKS OF RENT INCREASES, SUGGESTS US FIRMS MIGHT RELOCATE ELSEWHERE IN SEA.

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

GOA WILL UNVEIL ANNUAL BUDGET, EXPECTED GIVE BUSINESS AID, ENCOURAGEMENT (JOC SPEC). AUSSIE WOOL PRICES EXPECTED RISE AS RECESSION ENDS, DEMAND GROWS (HARTLEY, WSJ).

USDA PROPOSES REGULATION THAT WOULD COUNT BEEF PROCESSED IN PR FREE-TRADE ZONE AS PART AUSSIE, NZ QUOTAS (UPI, WP).

6. CHINA

PEKING RESIDENTS MOVING BACK INTO HOMES. CHINESE OFFICIAL SAID EVERY HOME IN CAPITAL BEING INSPECTED TO DISCOVER EXTENT OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY 7/28 QUAKE (MUNRO, CSM). DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS BELIEVE HUA KUO-FENG MAY HAVE NEW POWER BASE AS RESULT HIS PERSONAL HANDLING RELIEF OPERA-

TIONS. HUA MADE "FIERY SPEECH" IN TANGSHAN WHICH WAS MORE FORCEFUL/AUTHORITATIVE THAN ANY OF HIS PREVIOUS PUBLIC ADDRESSES (REUTER, SUN).

TAIWAN'S AMB TO US SHEN SAYS MAO STRIPPED OF ALL HIS POWER. SHEN BELIEVES MAO'S POWER LOSS SIGNALED WHEN CP'S CENTRAL CMTE DECIDED CHRMN WOULD NO LONGER GREET FON VISITORS. ACCORDING SHEN, MAO "CAPTIVE OF THOSE AROUND HIM" (PHINQ).

HIRC CHRMN WOLFF, REP BURKE TOLD REPORTERS 8/11 THAT DURING APRIL VISIT TO PRC, THEY TOURED UNDERGROUND TUNNEL COMPLEX IN MANCHURIAN CITY OF DAIREN WHICH WAS DESIGNED PROVIDE LONG-TERM SHELTER FOR 60,000 PERSONS. CHINESE OFFICIALS CLAIMED NATL SHELTER SYSTEM, COMBINED W/SUPERIOR MANPOWER ALONG SINO-SOV BORDER FORMED "TWIN PILLARS" OF INVULNERABLE DEFENSE AGAINST EVEN NUKE ATTACK FROM SOVIETS (SHANNON, LAT 8/13).

7. KOREA UNCLASSIFIED

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GEN STILLWELL SAID MON IN SEOUL WILL RELINQUISH UN COMMAND, RETIRE OCT (NYT).

FLOOD RELIEF CTR SAID MON 34 DIED IN WAKE HEAVY RAINS LAST WK; 32 STILL MISSING, FEARED DEAD (AP, WP).

8. JAPAN

TANAKA INDICTED MON ON CHARGES ACCEPTED 1.6 MILLION DOL LOCKHEED BRIBE, VIOLATED FOREX CONTROL LAW (CSM). HIYAMA, 2 OTHER MARUBENI EXECS INDICTED FOR BRIBERY, TO PROMOTE TRISTAR SALES ANA. SOURCES SAY PROSECUTORS STILL PROBING TANAKA DECISION CANCEL PROGRAM DEVELOP JAPANESE ASW PLANE, IN APPARENT EFFORT PROMOTE P3-C IMPORT (AP, GLOBE, PHINQ; JOC; KIRK, NYDN). TANAKA FACES MAXIMUM 8 YRS JAIL/6.8 MILLION DOL FINE, IF CONVICTED (SEIDEN, SUN). COULD ALSO BE ORDERED RETURN BRIBE MONEY (HORVAT, WP). DISPOSITION OF CASE EXPECTED TAKE LEAST FULL YEAR (WSJ). INDICTMENT SEEN SPURRING ANTI-MIKI RESENTMENT IN TANAKA FACTION, OTHER SEGMENTS LDP (JAMESON, LAT, GLOBE). DURING INTERROGATIONS IN JAIL, TANAKA ADMITTED RECEIVING MONEY, CLAIMED WAS LEGAL POL CONTRIBUTION (MALCOLM, NYT).

TOKYO DISTRICT COURT TUES RELEASED TANAKA ON 666,000 DOL BAIL; ALSO FREED HIYAMA, OTHER MARUBENI/ANA EXECS, TANAKA SECY ENOMOTO, ALLON SUBSTANTIAL BAIL (REUTER, TOKYO).

38,000 WATCHED FIRST NFL FOOTBALL GAME TOKYO MON. STL CARDS

BEAT SD CHARGERS 20-10 IN MAINICHI STAR BOWL. GRAMBLING-MORGAN STATE GAME SCHEDULED NEXT MO (UPI, NYT, CHITRIB; AP, PHINQ, SUN).

DOL FELL TO LOWEST LEVEL IN YR ON TOKYO FOREX MART MON, 290.25 YEN, AFTER REPORTS FUKUDA SAID GOJ WOULD NOT TAKE STEPS HALT YEN APPRECIATION (WSJ, NYT).

TREAS' YEO, ON RETURN FROM TOKYO, TOLD PRESS WAS "VERY SATISFIED" WITH 5-DAY TALKS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS, THAT CENTERED ON PRICE STABILIZATION, OPERATION OF INTL MONETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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SYSTEM (WELLS, JOC).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS CHANCES "EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD" JAPAN MAY SOON ORDER 1.5 BILLION DOLS WORTH MCD-D F-15 JET-FIGHTERS. WAS JUDGED BEST BY JASDF TEAM THAT RECENTLY EXAMINED ALL CANDIDATES FOR NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER AVAILABLE IN US, EUR.

9. PHILIPPINES

FIL JUDGE REPORTEDLY ORDERS ARREST USN CDR FOR MAR 15 INCIDENT WHEN 25 FIL SALESWOMEN AT PX ALLEGEDLY STRIPPED, SEARCHED FOR STOLEN GOODS. NOTHING FOUND, WOMEN BROUGHT CHARGES. WARRANT SERVED AT SUBIC, NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE USN DISPUTING PHILS COURT JURISDICTION IN CASE. COURT DEMANDS CDR STAND TRIAL. GOP NOW TRYING RESOLVE SUCH ISSUES IN BASE NEGOTS WITH US. DOS DOES NOT BELIEVE ABOVE CASE WILL HAVE "PROFOUND EFFECT" ON TREATY NEGOTS, NOW PROCEEDING SLOWLY (WIDEMAN, WP).

10. INDONESIA

SUHARTO ASSURES FOREIGN OIL FIRMS THAT RECENT MOVE CUT THEIR PROFITS IN NO WAY CHANGES INDO'S DESIRE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT (REUTER JAKARTA), SAYS COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE NEED FOREIGN AID FOR DEVELOPMENT DESPITE PROGRESS IN PAST 10 YRS (UPI, WP).

11. NONALIGNED SUMMIT

SRI LANKA PM BANDARANAIKE OPENS CONF WITH STRONG ATTACK ON US PLANS PUT NEW AIR/NAVAL FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA.

SUGGESTS UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD SET UP OWN RESERVE CURRENCY, CREATE NEW BANK OF ASIA, AFRICA, L AM TO BE FREE DOMINATION W FINANCIERS. MUCH OF SPEECH MORE MODERATE IN TONE; SRI LANKAN EFFORTS MUTE COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON US HAVE BEEN OFFERED AS EXPLANATION FOR FAILURE KIM IL-SUNG,

CASTRO, OTHER LEADERS TO ATTEND CONF AS EXPECTED. AT LEAST 40 NATL LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING VN'S PHAM VAN DONG (MATHEWS, WP). UNCLASSIFIED

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12. GENERAL

THREE APPARENTLY UNRELATED QUAKES HIT ASIA WITHIN 2 HRS 8/16: IN PRC, QUAKE MEASURING UP TO 7.3 STRUCK NEAR KANSU-SZECHWAN PROV BORDER, 600-700 MILES W-SW PEKING. HSINHUA REMAINED SILENT ON QUAKE MORE THAN 5 HRS AFTER OCCURRED; NO DAMAGE/CASUALTY REPORTS AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH TRAVELLERS TOLD REUTER IN PEKING BY PHONE THAT TREMOR CAUSED NO APPARENT DAMAGE. PHILS' MORO GULF, 560 MILES S OF MANILA, HIT BY QUAKE MEASURING 8.0; RESCUE OFFICIALS SAID TREMOR KILLED AT LEAST 75, INJURED 62, LEFT MORE THAN 100 FAMILIES HOMELESS. NO DETAILS ON QUAKE MEASURING 8.1 IN E INDONESIA BETWEEN NEW GUINEA/HALMAHERA ISLAND, WHICH ALSO HIT 8/16 (AP SUN, NYDN, PHINQ; UPI, NYT; WSJ, CHITRIB, WP; GRIFFITHS, REUTER PEKING).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

BEECH (CDN, IN LAT 8/15) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON TAIWAN'S
"THRIVING AS A POLITICAL OUTCAST". BELIEVES ISLAND'S
ECONOMY STRONGER THAN EVER, IS MOST SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPING
COUNTRY IN ASIA AS WELL AS MOST STABLE GOVT IN AREA
W/"REMARKABLE DEGREE" FREEDOM. BEECH LAUDS TAIWAN IN EVERYTHING FROM INCOME DISTRIBUTION TO PRESERVATION TRADITIONAL
CHINESE VALUES. REMARKS WHILE PRC TRYING ERADICATE "CAPITALIST ROADERS", TAIWAN DOING ITS BEST ENCOURAGE THEM.
STATES NO ONE, "PROBABLY NOT EVEN CCK HIMSELF," REALLY BELIEVES NATLISTS WILL RETURN TO MAINLAND, YET "MYTH WILL NOT
DIE." AS YOUNG GOVT OFFICIAL NOTES, NATLISTS SAY ONLY THEY
WILL RETURN SOME DAY, BUT "WE DON'T SAY WHEN."

GREELEY (NYDN) WRITES CYNICAL, CAUSTIC PIECE ON PRAISE PRC RECEIVES FOR SOLVING POPULATION PROBLEM, WHICH PLACES LIKE INDIA/BANGLADESH/PAKISTAN/IRELAND CAN'T SEEM ACCOMPLISH. ACCUSES MAO OF BEING "BIGGEST MASS MURDERER IN HISTORY", BUT NO ONE SEEMS NOTICE. ALSO STATES THERE ARE STILL SERIOUS STARVATION PROBLEMS IN "PEOPLE'S PARADISE", DESPITE GLOWING REPORTS FROM FOREIGNERS IN PEKING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SHANGHAI. NOTES PRC RULE FORBIDDING MARRIAGE DURING MOST FERTILE YEARS SEEN AS "NEW BREED OF HUMANISM", WHILE IRELAND CONDEMNED FOR SIMILAR ACTION CENTURY AFTER THE FAMINE. GREELEY CONCLUDES "IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN CATHOLIC IRELAND DOES SOMETHING, IT'S WRONG; BUT WHEN SOCIALIST CHINA DOES IT, IT'S EITHER ALL RIGHT OR YOU DON'T MENTION IT "

CANADIAN CG INFO OFFICER POETSCHKE WRITES CSM IN RESPONSE ARMBRUSTER ARTICLE REFERRING TO TAIWAN'S "WIN" AT MONTREAL. MAINTAINS CANADA DID NOT DENY TAIWAN ATHLETES ACCESS TO GAMES, BUT TAIPEI "IN CHOOSING POLITICS OVER SPORTS, MOST CERTAINLY DID."

14. KOREA

RUSSELL SAGE FDN SCHOLAR VICTOR NAVASKY (NYT SUN MAG 8/15)
REVIEWS DILEMMA FACING ARTISTS WHO MUST DECIDE HOW LONG TO
KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR COMMUNICATION WITH REPRESSIVE REGIMES,
WHEN TO BOYCOTT FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN DICTATORSHIP. CITES EXAMPLE OF KOREA. TELLS ABOUT
PEN DELEGATION CALL ON ROK UNDEL FEW WEEKS AGO TO PROTEST
TRIAL OF KIM CHI HA. WERE TOLD BY AMB BYUNG KI HAN THAT
SECURITY NEEDS PARAMOUNT, ROKG UNDERSTOOD US MIL AID WOULD
CONTINUE FOR ONLY ANOTHER YEAR-AND-HALF ANYWAY, AND NECESSARY VENTURE CAPITAL WOULD CONTINUE FLOW INTO SK BECAUSE
"WANTS CHEAP LABOR, ECONOMIC STABLILITY AND POLITICAL
DICTATORHSIP." WITH THAT PEN DEL LEFT, JOINED KURT VONNEGUT, OTHER PICKETS OUTSIDE.

MALCOLM (NYT 8/16) VISITS DMZ, FINDS IT FAR FROM DEMILITARIZED. REVIEWS INCIDENTS SINCE 1953 TRUCE, INWHICH46 AMERICANS, OVER 1,000 KOREANS KILLED. MOST RECENT FATALITY WAS CMDR BALLINGER, KILLED 1974 IN UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSION DURING PROBE OF 1ST OF TWO NK TUNNELS FOUND IN DMZ. DESCRIBES NK THREATS, ASSAULTS ON US/ROK PERSONNEL. NOTES NK 1-UPMANSHIP INCLUDED SAWING LEGS SHORT ON US CHAIRS AT PANMUNJON MAC SITE, TO FORCE THEM LOOK UP TO COMMUNISTS. QUOTES DIPLOMAT WHO CALLED DMZ "SAD PLACE", BUT BETTER THAN REAL WAR.

JAMESON (LAT 8/16) DESCRIBES DEVELOPMENT OF SK FERTILIZER UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRY, AS SYMBOL VIGOROUS SK ECON GROWTH. STARTED FROM SCRATCH BY MIL JUNTA 1961, NEXT YR WILL HAVE SURPLUS FOR EXPORT.

15. INDOCHINA

KUGLIN, OF VN-AM ASSN, FRIENDSHIPMENT, WRITES IN LAT (8/16) OF REBUILDING SHE SAW IN VN ON RECENT TRIP THERE. DESCRIBES RECONSTRUCTION, ADDS "NO THANKS TO AMERICA." REVIEWS QUESTION NIXON PROMISE OF 3.25 BILLION DOLS AID; OPINES EQUIPMENT WOULD BE INVALUABLE. CONCLUDES, GIVEN US DESTRUCTIVE/SELF-DEFEATING ROLE IN INDOCHINA, WE SHOULD NOT HESITATE GIVE AID TO REBUILD VN.

16. NONALIGNED SUMMIT

NYT BELIEVES MUCH DISCUSSION AT COLOMBO WILL TRANSCEND 3RD WORLD HYPOCRISIES, FOCUS ON REAL PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT ALL COUNTRIES. WARNS RICH COUNTRIES CANNOT IGNORE DEMANDS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SAYS INDUSTRIAL NATIONS' TASK IS TO SORT OUT WHAT IS REASONABLE, GIVE IT MORE SERIOUS ATTENTION THAN IN PAST

SUN CALLS CONF CONFUSED OVER WHAT NONALIGNED ABOUT. EXPRESSES OUTRAGE THAT VN, LAOS, CAMBODIA, NK CALLED NON-ALIGNED. SAYS NONALIGNED VIEW CONF AS CHANCE TRADE SUPPORT ON NATL AIMS, DISTRUST NOTION TRANSFORMING STRUCTURE INTO WORKING ALIGNMENT.

CSM THINKS CONFEREES HAVE KEEN INTEREST IN WHOELECTED NEXT US PRES. BELIVES N-S RELATIONSHIP MAY BECOME SINGLE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUE CONFRONTING NEW ADMIN.

17. JAPAN

WSJ (8/16) FEATURE CITES GROWING NUMBER IRMS THAT
USE ENGLISH IN INTL OPERATIONS, THUS ELIMINATE TIME/LABOR
NEEDED TRANSLATE FOR LOCAL STAFFERS ABROAD, HELP REDUCE
SENSE OF ALIENATION AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT SPEAK JAPANESE.

MALCOLM (NYT 8/15) REVIEWS MOUNTING DOUBTS MIKI WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ABLE FULFILL PLANS PURSUE LOCKHEED SCANDAL, OVERSEE BASIC POLITICAL REFORMS, AND LEAD LDP INTO FALL ELECTION. SEES LDP OPPONENTS, FORMERLY DIVIDED, LINING UP IN SUPPORT OF EARLY FUKUDA SUCCESSION. IF LDP SYG NAKASONE, WHO NOW DENYING ALL ALLEGATIONS, IS ARRESTED, MIKI WOULD BE FORCED RESIGN. NOTES LDP FOES HAVE VOTES DUMP MIKI ANYTIME, BUT ARE RESTRAINED BY ETHIC THAT FROWNS ON SUCH "BARE-KNUCKLED CONFRONTATION". ADDS MIKI HAS ONE TRUMP-CARD, OPTION TO BOLT LDP. TRY FORM NEW COALITION PARTY.

RASMUSSEN (SF CHRON 8/7) DESCRIBES SF MEMORIAL SERVICE ATTENDED BY HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI A-BOMB SURVIVORS. ESTIMATES 1,000 IN US, MOST OF WHOM AMCITS. NOTES US HAS SPENT 82 MILLION DOLS TO STUDY RADIATION, BUT HAS DONE NOTHING HELP SURVIVORS PAY FOR CONTINUING COSTLY MED CARE. NOTES

EFFORTS PRY ROYBAL BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE MED CARE, OUT OF CMTE.

MALCOLM ALSO NOTES JAPANESE EFFORTS PREPARE TO COPE WITH MAJOR EARTHQUAKE SPURRED BY RECENT TANGSHAN DISASTER. NO ONE KNOWS WHEN NEXT QUAKE WILL HIT TOKYO, BUT ITS OCCURRENCE ACCEPTED AS CERTAINTY.

18. GENERAL

COLUMBIA U RUSSIAN INST'S GLORIA DUFFY STATES VIEW (WP 8/15) THAT JIMMY CARTER FOPOLICY WOULD DIFFER FUNDAMENTALLY FROM HAK DIPLOMACY IN INTELLECTUAL THRUST WELL AS STYLE/NUANCE. SAYS CARTER WOULD APPROACH PROBLEMS ON BASIS OF EXISTING CONSENSUS AMONG ADVANCED NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS, NOT ON BA-SIS AD HOC AGREEMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. TRACES INFLUENCE ON CARTER OF BRZEZINSKI, WHO OUTLINED THESIS IN "BETWEEN TWO AGES" THAT MANKIND CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO AGES, NATL/GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS; ONLY ADVANCED "TECTNETRONIC" DEMOCRACIES (US. JAPAN, WEUR) SHARE LATTER, THUS OFFER SOLE HOPE OF FORMING INTL CONSENSUS ON PRIORITIES WHICH ESSENTIAL TO GLOBAL COOPERATION. CITES BRZEZINSKI JUDGMENT STATED IN "FOREIGN POLICY" (SUMMER 1976), THAT HAK BELIEF CONSENSUS ON GOALS AS PREREQUISITE FOR INTL COOPERATION DEPENDS ON US-USSR RELATIONSHIP IS "BASED ON FUNDAMENTAL MISINTERPRE-TAITON OF OUR ERA." KISSINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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